

Mind map

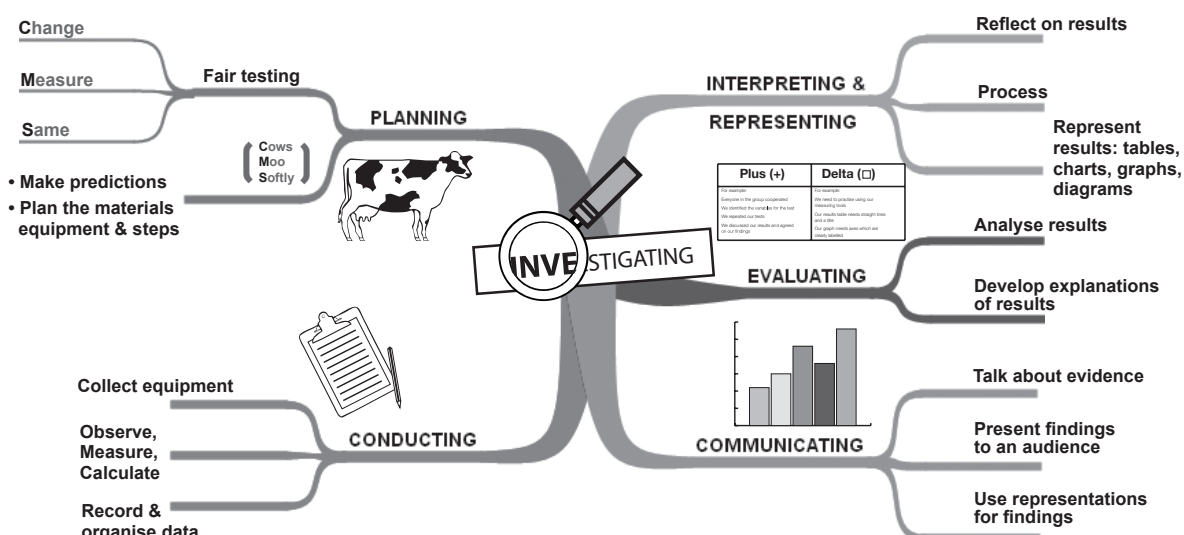
Purpose

A visual representation tool which identifies the links between different concepts and topics.

Process

- Distribute a large piece of paper to each participant.
- Assign the broad topic for mind mapping and ask participants to record this as a large image in the centre of the page.
- Ask participants to generate ideas about the topic and record these in words or images in a manner which makes sense to them using lines to connect ideas. The thickest lines stem from the main image and become thinner as the mind map expands. Branches are created and connected as thinking progresses.
- Ask participants to share their mind maps so that others can read them.

Mind map of investigating in PrimaryConnections



Product

The mind map captures a visual interpretation of thinking about a particular topic. There is no correct way to make a mind map; only maps which make sense to the author. They help to generate questions and reveal misconceptions about a topic as well as deepening accurate understanding.

PrimaryConnections example

- Draw mind maps of PrimaryConnections, the investigation process, literacies of science and the PrimaryConnections 5Es teaching and learning model.

Reference

Tony Buzan. See www.buzanworld.com